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END OF THE LINE

A poem that Theo Peacock wrote providing us with an insight into the Irondale Bancroft Ottawa railway, affectionately referred to as the I.B. & O. This railway was Charles J. Pusey's project; Theo wrongly credits one of Pusey's son in laws.

A dream came to L.B. Howland
Some eighty years ago
And he said, "I will open this Northern land
With a railroad, the I.B.& O."

News broke of the railroad pushing east.
Gad! Were the settlers glad!
But to most of the learn-ed people
Howland was a man gone mad.
They said it was only a crazy dream;
It would burst like a bubble ere through;
But the Dreamers, the Plotters and Planners
Are the men who make mad dreams come true!

They pushed the grad where the river ran
Peaceful and quiet and calm,
Gouging the rocky hillsides
And edging a beaver dam;
Moving the river's gravel banks,
Filling the oozy swale,
Skirting the seething rapids
Where only the moose had a trail.

The They built the grad with ox-hauled carts;
The cliffs they blasted away;
With crow-bar, shovel and pick they toiled
Working a twelve-hour day.
Then up past the Silver Mountain,
On through the Iron Dale ,
Soon locomotives came clanking
With their long and lonesome wail.

In with the rail moved the Lumber Kings
To this land of the snow and the cold.
Timber was all they thought of
For pine was the Lumber King's gold!
God, how they slaughtered the timber,
Billions of feet by the scale,
And with horses and men by the thousands
It was sleigh-hauled out to the rail.

Years passed away with no thought to conserve;
Soon, the forests were gone.
The trappers and rockland farmers since
Have struggled to carry on.
It's a well-known fact that nothing lasts,
As was proved by word one day
That the I.B. & O. would run no more
And the rails would be taken away.

The last train ran March 31, 1960

Theo Peacock sums up the feelings of the communities the train passed through that day:

I stood by the track in the rain today
As the train came rolling past;
At quarter to four I sighed and looked
A hundred folk stood in the rain
To see that familiar sight;
And so an era ended
As the last rain blew tonight.

The rails / tracks dismantling started late July of the same year.
The steel rails reportedly were sold to Wilkinson Sword and turned into razor blades.

Thanks Sue Tiffin, for the great article in the Minden Times newspaper! Have you read it?

Saturday was National Time Refund Day!

What did you do with your extra twenty four hours?

Kingan Hardware Store

By Sylvia Best

1870 Directory

Robert Kingan was born in Glasgow, Scotland 30 April 1815. He was educated in that city and later at the University of Edinburgh from which he graduated as an ordained minister of the Presbyterian Church. About the year 1840, Robert came to Canada West where he took up missionary work among the scattered settlers of the lake front. It was not long before he gave up that work in the ministry after he discovered a weakness in his voice that prevented effective presentation of his Sunday sermons.

He next entered into the hardware business with a store in the town of Cobourg. After only a short time, Robert moved to Peterborough about 1850, where again he began a hardware company in which he continued until the year 1884. In this latter year the business was transferred to his sons.

On 24 May 1848, at Cobourg, Robert Kingan was united in marriage to Jane Jeffrey. She was born about 1829 in the town of Cobourg, Upper Canada, the daughter of the Honorable Andrew Jeffrey and his wife, Janet Hall.

In December of 1850, Robert and Jane welcomed their first child, a daughter they named Jane Jeffrey Kingan. She was followed over the next decade by another eight siblings. John was born in 1853; Andrew in 1855; Mary in 1857; Margaret in 1860; Robert in 1862; William Francis in 1864; Ann in 1868 and finally Frederick in 1869. The family made their home at 271 Brock Street.

The Kingan Hardware store was located on Hunter Street near the intersection of George.

The children of Robert and Jane grew up in the town of Peterborough, attending school, and doing chores at home. Most of the children reached adulthood. Andrew, born in 1855 did not survive. He died on 25 March 1862 at the age of seven years. Margaret also did not survive. Born in 1860, she died at the age of two years on 12 October 1862. These two are buried with their parents at Little Lake Cemetery in Peterborough.

Jane, the eldest did not marry. At the time of her death in 1931, Jane resided at 195 Murray Street, in town. Her death was caused by pneumonia.

John, the oldest of the boys, became a clerk. He was still living at home in 1871, but is not located after that date.

Mary Jeffrey Kingan, born in 1857, did not marry. She lived in Peterborough at the time of her death on 9 October 1938. She died of myocarditis. Her remains were buried in the family plot at Little Lake Cemetery.

Robert, named for his father, was born in August 1862. He married Harriet Atkins Pusey in 1889 at Irondale, Haliburton County, Ontario. Born in Potsville, Pennsylvania, Harriet was the daughter of Charles and Ruth (Atkins) Pusey. Harriet (Pusey) Kingan died on 6 June 1942 at the Nicholls Hospital following an operation. Her remains were interred in Little Lake Cemetery. Her husband, Robert Kingan, died on 26 March 1945 at Peterborough. He rests alongside his wife at Little Lake Cemetery.

Francis William Kingan was born 20 August 1864. He died at the Ontario Hospital in Whitby on 5 February 1929. Ann Kingan was born in January 1868 and became a book keeper. She died 22 August 1945, at Peterborough. Frederick Kingan, the youngest child, was born in 1869. He became a boiler maker. Fred died 14 January 1956 at Peterborough.

1865-66 Fuller's Directory

After turning the business over to his sons in 1884, Robert enjoyed his retirement years. The 1891 census listed him as a retired "gentleman". Jane (Jeffrey) Kingan died in Peterborough on 13 May 1892. After her death, Robert's health failed quickly. His death occurred just over a year later, on 21 November 1893.

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A small sample of the research that Sylvia Best would have went through to get the particulars for the article on the Kingan Family.

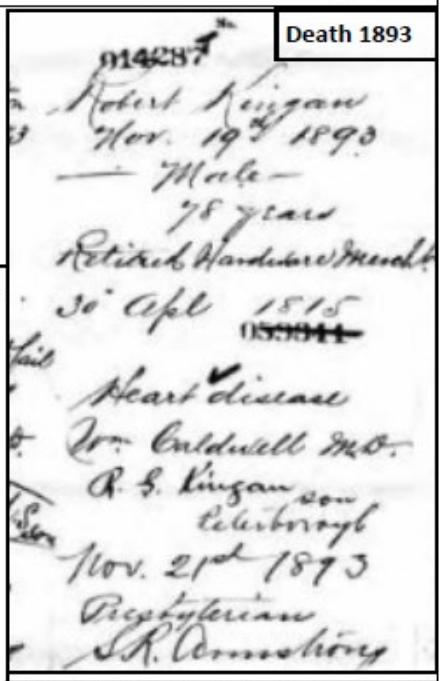
We are always on the look out for article material.

Have a family you would like to see featured? Give your editor a call.

Death 1893, Peterborough →
Robert Kingan, age 78 yrs
d. Nov 19, 1890 of heart disease
b. 30 April 1815

← *Robert Kingan Family picture taken prior to 1881 census*
Front—
Robert Jr. (b.1862), Frank (b.1864), Jane (b.1829), Robert (b.1815) and Fred (b.1869)
Back—
Mary (b.1857) , Jennie (b.1850), John (b.1853) and Anna (b.1868)

Death 1893



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Robert Kingan
Nov. 19th 1893
— Male —
78 years
Retired Hardware Merch.
30 Apl 1515
Heart disease
Dr. Caldwell M.D.
R. S. Kingan son
Peterboro
Nov. 21st 1893
Presbyterian
S.R. Armstrong

Grass to Elizabeth Kerfoot. (Rev. Wm. Bramley)

3 June 1848: On Wednesday, 24th inst., Robert Kingan, to Jane, eldest daughter of A. Jeffrey, all of Cobourg. (Rev Wm Reid)

Taken from Marriage Notices of Ontario 1813-1854 Globe, Toronto, 1844-1849 using Ancestry.ca website ↑

Marriage between Robert Kingan & Harriet Pusey - 1889 in Irondale →

1861 Ontario Census

PERSONAL CENSUS, Enumeration, District No. [illegible]

	NAMES OF INMATES.	PROFESSION, TRADE, OR OCCUPATION.	PLACE OF BIRTH.	Married during the Year.	RELIGION.	Residence if out of Limits.	Age next Birth Day.	SEX. Male.	SEX. Female.	Married or Single.
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
22	Robert Kingan	Merchant	Scotland	A	do		45	1		M
23	Jane Kingan		U Canada		do		32		1	M
24	Jane I. Kingan		do		do		10		1	S
25	John Kingan		do		do		8	1		S
26	Andrew I. Kingan		do		do		6	1		S
27	Mary I. Kingan		do		do		3		1	S
28	Margrete Kingan		do		do		1		1	S
29	Isabella Mc Elwine	Servant	do		do		19		1	S

1881 Ontario Census

RECENSEMENT. Province of Ontario. District No. 126 West Peterboro S. District Peterboro Town-District No 3
RECENSEMENT 1881—CENSUS.
SCHEDULE No. 1—Nominal Return of the Living. TABLEAU No. 1.—Dénombrement des Vivants.
PAGE 21

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" Jennie	F	29	—	0	"	"	—			—	—	—	—						
" Mary	F	24	—	0	"	"	—			—	—	—	—						
" Isabella	M	17	—	0	"	"	Clerk			—	—	—	—						
" Anna	F	13	—	0	"	"	—			—	—	1	—						
" Fredyck	M	12	—	0	"	"	—			—	—	—	—						

SCHEDULE

County of

005244

His Name.	Robert Gordon Kingan
Age.	27
Residence when married.	Town of Peterboro
Place of Birth.	Ont
Bachelor or Widower. (b. or W.)	B
Rank or Profession.	Hardware Merchant
Names of Parents.	Robt & Jane Kingan
Her Name.	Harriet Athnis Pusey
Age.	22
Residence when married.	Irwindon
Place of Birth.	Potsville C A
Spinster or Widow. (s. or W.)	S
Names of Parents.	Chas J & Ruth A. Pusey
Names and Residence of Witnesses.	Andrew Mercer Peterboro Elizabeth Pusey Irondale Co Haliburton
Date and place of Marriage.	Irondale Co Haliburton
Religious Denomination of Bridegroom.	Presbyterian
Religious Denomination of Bride.	Church of England
By whom Married.	Chas R Derrick
By License or Banns. (L. or B.)	L

Reinhold Boehm
husband of Erna Boehm
~ Nov 25, 2019 ~

Eileen Gough-Pentney
wife of John Pentney Sr.
~ Jan 26, 2020 ~

Loraine Polo
friend of Pat Miller's
~ Jan 27, 2020 ~

Our condolences to the families and friends of those we lost.

In honour of March 17 Reports claim there are tens of millions of North Americans that have Irish ancestry. It may be worth it to know a little bit about Irish traditions, they may be an important part of your family's history. In fact, you may be practicing some Irish customs and not know the meaning behind them. Read on as we discover.

Irish Wedding Traditions & Customs

"Tying the Knot" also referred to as handfasting is an important ancient Irish wedding tradition; around since Medieval times. The practice of tying the hands of the bride and groom together during a marriage ceremony is supposed to symbolize their new union. Potential brides and grooms could spend several days tied together before the wedding, to decide if they really wanted to spend their lives together. Have you seen this in a modern marriage ceremony?

"His Goose is Cooked" Years ago, the day before a wedding was announced to the community, the family of the bride would cook dinner for the groom. The traditional meal was goose. While the goose cooked, the groom and the bride's parents would sign important contracts such as land rights and/or dowry portions. Once the goose was cooked, the groom's decision to marry was considered solidified. So when you hear someone say 'his goose is cooked', that is the Irish way of saying "there is no going back".

Claddagh Ring Claddagh is a small fishing village just outside Galway, Ireland. The famous Claddagh ring is reported to have been invented by a talented blacksmith. The 'smithy' set aside small pieces of gold dust and eventually melted them into one ring. This ring features two hands clasped around a crowned heart - symbolic of love, loyalty and commitment. Tradition has it that Claddagh rings are passed down the female line. If the ring is worn on the right hand, the woman is single; worn on the left, it shows she is married. If passed down the bride's family and used as a wedding ring, there is no need for the groom to buy a new one to use at the wedding.

"Lock the Door" When you take *handfasting* into consideration and then learn of the 'locking the door' tradition - you could come to the conclusion that perhaps Irish grooms were a bit 'flighty'. A common wedding tradition in Irish culture is to assign someone to lock the doors of the church once the ceremony has begun. This prevented the groom who developed 'cold feet' to flee the scene, making it too late to change his mind.

A friend is like a four leaf clover: hard to find, lucky to have.

May the hinges of our friendship never grow rusty.

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The Newry Commercial Telegraph.

If many of us were to look back into our heritage we would find we have ancestors in or from Ireland. Many of our readers will have heard the words 'Potato Famine'. Your editor recently came across the following newspaper article -

Newry Telegraph 3 Aug 1852

The Potato Disease

The early prevailing rumors to the reappearance of the potato disease found no access to the public ear, being considered nothing better than the baseless inventions of interested alarmists. Unhappily, however, the actual existence of the plaque is now so palpable that disbelief or doubt can no long obtain. Before our eyes we have convincing evidence, and from every quarter we receive the one sad report, as to the return of the visitation and the rapidity of its destructive operation. It is to be hoped that, early planting having been almost universal, the disease may find somewhat of a counteractive in the state of maturity to which the potato has now reached. Still, how disheartening are such accounts as the following:

Armagh—the potato disease has manifested itself in the vicinity of this town. The leaves and stalks are withered and exhale an offensive odor. Farmers are somewhat alarmed, as the disease has set in so early and before the tubers have acquired strength or stamen to resist it. (an Armagh Correspondent)

Downpatrick—The blight has manifested itself in the district of Downpatrick, in the most unmistakable manner. Patches of fields are discoloured in the usual way and in some instances, the disease has already reached the tubers. (Down Recorder)

Monaghan—Since our last publication a sad blight has come on the potato fields in this neighbourhood. Fields, some days since, beautifully luxuriant, are now a mass of putrefaction, omitting a foetid odor which impregnates the atmosphere to a most disagreeable extent. Tubers as well as stalks are affected and we hold but little hopes of the amount of food to be this year realized from the potato crop. (Monaghan Standard)

Tryone—In the neighbourhood of Omagh the potatoes are all diseased, the earliest the worst. As the disorder has appeared early this year, it is to be feared a large proportion of the crop will be lost. We rejoice to add, however, that the grain crops promised an abundant yield. (Tyrone Constitution)

Fermanagh—An experienced agriculturist has, we regret to say, informed us that a few mornings ago he inspected several fields in this neighborhood, which, a few weeks ago. Looked very fine and his opinion is, that the crop is now gone. The stench, in many places, was very strong. Our correspondent, however, writes that hopes are entertained in that quarter that the ravages of disease will not be so dreadful as during the past seasons. We hope this may turn out true, but are afraid the Divine fiat dooming the drop to destruction has already gone forth. (Fermanagh Mail)

On vacation in Europe, Bob noticed a marble column in a church in Rome with a golden telephone on it. As a young priest passed by, Bob asked who the telephone was for. The priest told him it was a direct line to Heaven, and if he'd like to call, it would be a thousand dollars. Bob was amazed, but declined the offer.

Throughout Europe Bob kept seeing the same golden telephone on a marble column. At each, he asked about it and the answer was always the same: a direct line to Heaven and he could call for a thousand dollars.

Bob finished his tour of Europe with a stop in Ireland . He decided to attend Mass at a local village church. When he walked in the door he noticed the golden telephone, but underneath it there was a sign stating: "DIRECT LINE TO HEAVEN — 25 CENTS"

"Father," he said, "I have been all over Europe and in all the cathedrals I visited, I've seen telephones exactly like this one but the price is always a thousand dollars. Why is it that this one is only 25 cents?"

The priest smiled and said,

"Son, you're in Ireland now. It's a local call."

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The Geocaching Capital of Canada

Geocaching (pronounced geo-cashing) is a family-friendly outdoor game. It is often referred to as "treasure hunting with a high tech twist" because you use the geocaching.com website and either a GPS device or a smartphone to play the game.

A geocache (cache) is a container that someone, called a Geocacher, has hidden and recorded the coordinates/location online so that you can find it. When you find it, you sign your user name inside and record your find online. Geocaching is popular because: it gets kids and adults outside, it's free to play, you go at your own pace and level of difficulty, and it takes you to interesting places. You can find more information at GeocachingCapitalofCanada.com.

The Municipality of Highlands East claimed the Geocaching Capital of Canada title in 2006 as an initiative to enticing Geocachers to the area. In 2015 the introduction of our GeoTour with Tupper T. Turtle as its mascot quickly became #1 in Canada by favourite points. Now these extremely popular caches, hidden from Irondale to Cardiff, bringing travelers from all over the world for a unique caching experience.

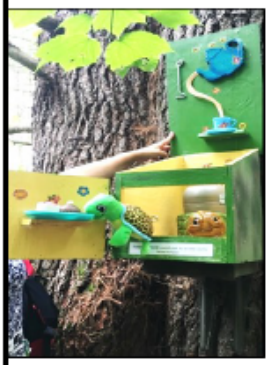
Irondale is the most eastern reach of the Geocaching Capital of Canada. One of the caches hidden near the Irondale Church is **Tea with Tupper**. To date it has been logged as found 378 times. Each log is estimated to represent two people (some accounts are for a single person, some are couples, and sometimes entire families use one account) so it's fair to estimate that over 750 people have visited the cache in the five years it has been there.

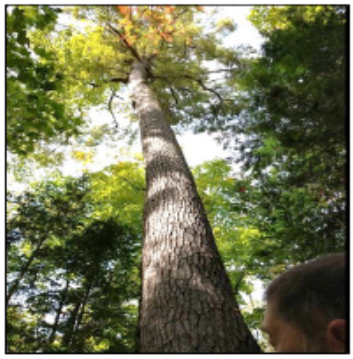
Geocachers are constantly amazed by the hospitality and friendliness of the Irondale residents and it's a pleasure to read through the comments they leave. Here are a few from people who have found Tea with Tupper:

"We did have tea with Tupper after walking through a construction site without our helmets. So impressive to see the volunteer labour helping maintain this historic building. Thank you for bringing us here."

"We chanced upon the Irondale Harvest Festival at the church, and after finding the cache we joined the local muggles for burgers and some REALLY good corn on the cob. I've enjoyed meeting so many friendly people while on our cache-finding mission. This has been a wonderful trip!"

"After signing the cache I had an unexpected offer to see in the church. He had some great information and it was an interesting place and history. If you get a chance check out the weight of the iron ore in the church."





"We arrived back in the area to finish off this series that we started last month. We had a great time & lots of fun. TFTC. While we were here, we met George Simmons, he gave us a tour of the church and took us to see the last tall old growth pine in the area."

Other caches throughout the Irondale area are equally well received, bringing visitors to other interesting and scenic locations.

Tupper's Toiletries "totally awesome!! Who knew toiletries could be so fund:)"

Lighten Up

Phyzicist and I were a little thirsty and wanted to stop somewhere for some drinks... and little did we know that there was a cache hiding nearby! We got our drinks and then walked over to see what we could come up with in the area! We found the cache quickly, but the next part was definitely difficult! Eventually we made it through that part & had to figure out how to get the cache out. Phyzicist hatched some ideas and the second one worked! We congratulated ourselves at making it through the cache and its difficulties, and signed ourselves in, taking note of the keyword for the tour! This was our last cache, so we bid adieu to the geotour until the next time that we are in the area! Thanks for the fun as usual Tupper T, it's always a nice day up in the GCC for us!"

The welcoming reception that the residents & business owners in Irondale have shown our visitors is very much appreciated Geocachers, eager to say thanks, welcome the opportunity to support the local businesses. Many Geocachers come back repeatedly to find all the caches. Word of mouth advertising best promotes the area and we have you to thank for the great reviews the Geocaching Capital of Canada GeoTour is receiving.

Mary Barker, Joanne Vanier and Tupper T Turtle, Wilberforce

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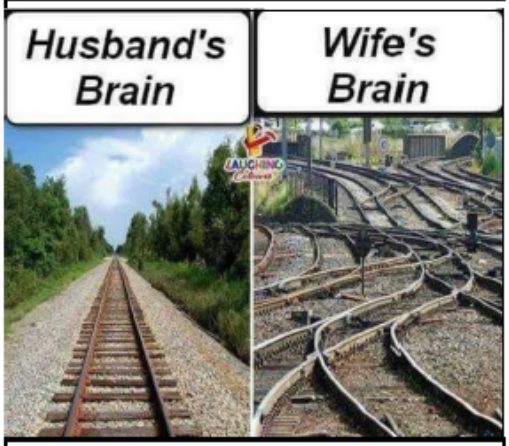

You will understand this picture if you have read the book "Men are like waffles, Women are like spaghetti" written in 2005 by Bill & Pam Farrell.

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for keeping the furnace clean & running efficiently at the heritage building, known as the 'Irondale Church'

BRENDA'S RECIPE CORNER

Apple Amber

This dessert was made for the Fish'n Fowl Dinner in 2019. It is best served warm and is excellent over ice cream. We served it on a homemade waffle stick with vanilla ice cream. It is a custard made with apples.

4 cups peeled, sliced apples
¼ cup softened butter
3 eggs, separated
2/3 cup sugar
juice and zest of 1 lemon
1 tsp water
3 tb sugar

Mix apples, 2/3 cup sugar, butter, lemon juice and zest in a large round casserole. Cover dish and cook in the microwave on high for 4 min. Stir apples and crush any large pieces. Beat egg yolks and water with a fork. Add slowly to hot apples mixture and mix thoroughly. Cook for 3 min. on medium. Stir well, the mixture should be creamy. Beat the egg whites with 3 tb sugar. Add to the apple mixture gently, cook for an additional 2 min. at high. Serve warm or cold.

~ Irondale Calendar of Events ~

Hang this page on your refrigerator or next to your calendar so you don't miss out!

2020	Unless otherwise noted - Tickets available online at www.IrondaleOntario.ca or call/text 705-457-8438
Sat. Feb 22	**Portuguese Dinner** held at the Irondale Community Centre. Dinner served from 5pm to 7pm Menu - Calbo Verdi (Potato based soup), Piri Piri assado combattas (roast chicken), Batatas gratinadag (potatoes and vegetables with pieces of roasted Pork), Arroz (rice), Salada (salad with vingrette dressing). For dessert Bolo de bolacha (Portuguese cookie cake) . Sounds delicious. *B.L.C.D. event with proceeds supporting Irondale's history.*
Sat. April 11	**Wilberforce Maplefest** Event All-You-Can-Eat Pancake Breakfast and lots of shopping with the local vendor tables. 9 am to 2 pm. Wilberforce Community Centre, in the heart of Wilberforce.
Sat. April 18	**Fish 'N Fowl Dinner** held at the Gooderham Community Centre. Doors open 5pm. Dinner at 6pm. Fish, turkey, potatoes, vegetables, salad & dessert. Loonie auction action after dessert. $20 pp *B.L.C.D. event with proceeds supporting Irondale's history.*
Sun. June 7	**First Church Service -** visiting Minister expected. 10 am. Come as you are. **Book Nook Opening -** 11 am to 1 pm - no charge so help yourself to refreshments, books, videos, puzzles …
Sat. July 4 or 11	**Concert on the Lake** - Great music from the comfort of your own boat, canoe or paddleboard. Music starts at 6:30pm Check *www.sdlca.ca* for more details.
Sat. July 18	**Wild Game Dinner** - Popular dinner, held at the Gooderham Community Centre. Doors open 5pm, buffet at 6pm. All game served as bite size pieces, you can sample it all. Remember bring loonies for after dinner fun. **PLEASE NOTE NEW LOCATION FOR THIS DINNER** *B.L.C.D. event with proceeds supporting Irondale's history.*
Sat. Aug 1 **Sun. Aug 2**	Salerno Devil's Lake Cottage Association's AGM 10 am at the Irondale Community Centre Salerno Devil's Lake Cottage Association's Canoe Race, BBQ and Children's Games check www.sdlca.ca for more details.
Mid August	**Irondale Inspirations -** the artists that call Irondale home will be showcasing their work at the historical Irondale church. 10 am to 4pm. Please drop by, enjoy their talents. You may just catch one or more of them creating on site.
Sat. Sept 19	**Family Harvest Festival** - 11 to 4pm - Vendors, BBQ, displays, tours—all on the property of Irondale's historical church building. NO ADMISSION CHARGED. Hike Haliburton tour starts & ends here as well. *B.L.C.D. event*
Sat Nov 7	**Themed Dinner** held at the Irondale Community Centre. Dinner served from 5 pm til 7pm as long as supplies last. $20 pp Menu still being planned. *You certainly shouldn't go away hungry!* *B.L.C.D. event with proceeds supporting Irondale's history.*

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